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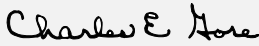
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SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS
DECEMBER PECAN FORECAST

DECEMBER 2001 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the Pecan December Forecast. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

Sincerely,

State Statistician

NEW MEXICO: The December 1 forecast remained unchanged from the November forecast holding steady at 60 million pounds. If realized this would be an increase of 8 million pounds over the record crop of 1999 which totaled 52 million. The increase is related to the alternate-bearing cycle as well as new orchards coming into production.

UNITED STATES: The December 1 forecast for 2001 pecan utilized production is 318 million pounds (in-shell basis), down 10 percent from the October 1 forecast but 52 percent above last year's crop. Excellent early season growing conditions in some locations combined with the alternate bearing cycle have contributed to a sharply larger crop size. However, dry conditions in many pecan producing States during summer caused early nut drop, and increased disease and insect problems. Low prices are limiting the harvest, reducing utilized production. Improved varieties are expected to make up 238 million pounds or three quarters of the total, while the Native and seedling varieties make up the difference.

PECANS: UTILIZED PRODUCTION 1999-00 AND FORECASTED DECEMBER 1, 2001

Crop and State	Utilized Production		
	1999	2000	2001
	-----1,000 Pounds-----		
IMPROVED VARIETIES^{1/}			
AL	7,000	10,000	10,000
AZ	22,800	14,500	21,000
AR ^{2/}	1,500	650	1,400
CA ^{2/}	1,900	3,400	3,100
FL ^{2/}	1,100	1,200	2,800
GA	85,000	65,000	80,000
LA	4,000	3,500	4,000
MS ^{2/}	3,500	2,500	4,000
NM	52,000	35,000	60,000
NC ^{2/}	800	1,400	2,500
OK	3,000	200	2,000
SC ^{2/}	1,800	1,200	2,500
TX	35,000	22,000	45,000
NATIVE & SEEDLING			
AL	6,000	5,000	5,000
AR ^{2/}	2,300	2,500	1,400
FL ^{2/}	2,600	2,100	2,500
GA	35,000	15,000	15,000
KS ^{2/}	5,000	550	2,600
LA	18,000	14,500	12,000
MS ^{2/}	1,500	1,000	2,000
NC ^{2/}	400	200	500
OK	60,000	2,300	13,000
SC ^{2/}	900	400	1,000
TX	55,000	8,000	25,000
U.S. ALL PECANS	406,100	209,850	318,300

^{1/}Budded, grafted, or topworked varieties. ^{2/}Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.